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COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons detailed customs district of lading and country and continent of destination data are not shown in published export statistics for selected commodities, referred to as Special Category commodities. The data for individual customs districts and continents, therefore, exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but over-all shipping weight and value totals for exports of Special Category commodities are included in table 1. Effective January 1965, some changes were made in security restrictions, without a corresponding change in restrictions applying to earlier periods. Therefore, the customs district and continent totals for 1965 include data for exports of some commodities which are no longer classified as Special Category commodities beginning in 1965, but which were not included in customs district and continent totals prior to 1965 since they were classified as Special Category commodities at that time. Because of this, and also because of changes in the content of Special Category commodities effective January 1965, the district and continent statistics shown in this report for 1965 are not completely comparable with those for earlier periods. Further information regarding Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability on a 2 chances out of 3 basis of value totals. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

Effective July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $251 and over. With the exception of the value data shown in the column for "All carriers", the statistics shown in table 2 for value and shipping weight reflect fully compiled data exclusively. The value data shown for "All carriers" represent fully compiled data combined with estimated data for shipments valued $250 or less reported on both formal and informal entries, based on a 1-percent sample of such shipments. (Informal entries, by definition, contain items valued not more than $250.)

Prior to July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflected fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $100 and over. Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 were entirely excluded from the airborne import statistics. Estimated data for informal entry shipments valued $250 or less, based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments, were included in the column showing value data for "All carriers" in table 2, but were excluded from the other statistics in this table.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Effective July 1965, value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than three percent while value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	[2]35,756	(X)	10,324	6,322	13,265	2,207	425	602	[2]173,143	(X)	29,666	16,007	92,608	17,504	3,882	3,344
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	[2]13,230	4,502	1,649	4,588	1,037	96	219	(X)	[2]62,714	11,729	5,170	29,614	6,710	837	1,433
Massachusetts	525	310	104	-	387	6	4	3	3,139	1,614	628	-	2,417	24	13	12
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo	103	103	87	-	-	-	-	-	563	563	526	-	-	-	-	-
New York	16,765	6,142	1,879	1,416	10,950	898	64	506	101,552	34,285	9,136	5,051	76,260	6,184	494	2,606
Philadelphia	100	33	1	-	85	1	2	2	517	158	31	-	445	10	14	7
Maryland	157	153	12	-	110	22	(Z)	(Z)	391	368	24	-	333	19	1	6
Florida	9,895	2,973	4,624	4,747	14	2	2	1	17,730	5,113	6,910	10,225	34	7	1	9
New Orleans	497	109	405	37	1	(Z)	-	-	1,095	338	813	227	5	1	-	-
Galveston	499	345	203	33	172	39	4	18	1,933	1,181	743	82	659	210	30	154
Laredo	144	122	134	-	-	-	-	-	498	420	478	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	769	342	126	56	247	217	46	8	7,973	2,943	507	229	3,742	2,799	542	43
San Francisco	1,285	363	32	14	154	721	239	2	12,332	2,809	74	151	2,321	7,213	2,340	25
Oregon	29	28	-	-	27	-	-	-	453	453	-	-	449	-	-	-
Washington	351	291	250	2	6	31	5	10	1,778	1,452	1,069	11	43	208	112	249
Alaska	111	102	3	-	6	93	-	-	275	129	27	-	115	130	-	-
Hawaii	100	56	1	-	(Z)	56	32	-	395	109	6	-	(Z)	138	242	-
Montana and Idaho	52	52	47	-	-	(Z)	-	-	219	219	210	-	-	2	-	-
Dakota	117	117	89	-	-	-	-	-	306	306	242	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	20	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	72	72	72	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	235	103	70	-	122	(Z)	3	6	861	416	140	-	649	1	34	15
Chicago	2,554	631	1,160	1	957	119	25	44	11,838	2,711	5,924	9	4,793	519	59	178
Ohio	438	2	372	-	-	-	-	-	1,262	5	1,164	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	595	497	538	15	(Z)	-	-	-	550	412	499	21	2	-	-	-
All other Customs districts	208	174	164	1	24	1	-	1	897	803	444	1	342	38	-	41
Special Category[3]	207	160	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,512	5,835	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	16,228	(X)	2,160	1,271	9,279	3,431	25	62	94,009	(X)	6,973	3,462	64,330	14,627	427	902
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	8,725	1,092	337	5,045	2,226	8	18	(X)	42,700	2,763	1,791	28,321	9,213	151	461
Massachusetts	215	74	5	-	210	1	-	(Z)	934	376	25	-	815	10	-	1
Connecticut	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	9	6	-	-	2	6	-	-
Buffalo	34	34	32	-	1	(Z)	-	(Z)	442	374	243	-	2	1	-	140
New York	9,677	5,491	225	258	8,193	941	6	56	68,198	29,542	2,220	2,002	57,402	4,232	145	678
Philadelphia	33	21	-	-	32	(Z)	(Z)	-	501	337	-	-	412	13	(Z)	-
Maryland	54	52	1	-	46	7	-	-	584	548	29	-	485	49	-	-
Florida	2,110	624	1,158	942	6	4	-	-	2,876	1,240	1,140	1,346	304	30	-	-
New Orleans	108	85	108	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	59	31	42	-	4	1	-	-
Galveston	34	25	19	9	6	(Z)	-	-	222	112	74	33	49	8	-	-
Laredo	114	100	114	-	-	-	-	-	145	61	122	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	649	438	34	7	105	497	6	(Z)	4,465	2,114	95	33	1,111	2,861	127	2
San Francisco	1,153	646	5	2	78	1,055	10	2	5,855	3,148	21	16	589	4,797	95	22
Oregon	4	3	-	-	1	3	(Z)	-	22	20	-	-	9	10	2	-
Washington	797	417	21	-	4	772	-	-	2,319	2,136	320	-	26	1,895	-	-
Alaska	4	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	66	37	-	-	22	37	-	-
Hawaii	29	19	6	-	(Z)	20	3	-	155	73	8	-	2	80	46	-
Montana and Idaho	9	9	8	-	-	-	-	1	84	83	80	-	-	-	-	4
Dakota	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	(Z)	18	5	9	-	-	-	-	8
Minnesota	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	132	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	146	115	7	(Z)	137	1	(Z)	1	395	157	37	(Z)	289	22	11	24
Chicago	663	374	86	3	448	125	-	2	5,690	2,160	2,211	8	2,701	548	-	23
Ohio	22	(Z)	19	-	3	-	-	-	263	1	119	-	50	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	357	189	302	48	8	(Z)	-	-	246	122	138	23	57	(Z)	-	-
All other Customs districts	12	5	8	3	(Z)	1	-	-	330	17	36	1	1	25	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data for shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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